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1. SAMORA MACHEL CONCLUDED FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT WITH ADDRESSTO MASS RALLY IN DOWNTOWN LUSAKA. RALLY, WHICH ZRS ANNOUNCER ON SPOT AT THE TIME SAID WAS ATTENDED BY 40 THOUSAND WHILE PRESS TODAY PUTS FIGURE AT 150 THOUSAND, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN LARGEST OF ITS KIND SINCE ZAMBIA'S INDEPENDENCE. CROWD RECEIVED PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND MACHEL WITH POLITE ENTHUSIASM BUT TYPICALLY PHLEGMATIC ZAMBIAN AUDIENCE NEVER REALLY CAUGHT FIRE DESPITE EFFORTS OF RULING PARTY CHEERLEADERS (INCLUDING AT ONE POINT KAUNDA HIMSELF) AND
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MACHEL'S ELOQUENT, PORTUGUESE ORATORY WHICH WAS TRANSLATED

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SIMULTANEOUSLY INTO NYANJA FOR BENEFIT OF ZAMBIAN AUDIENCE.

2. AS SUMMARIZED IN MAY 16 PRESS, MACHEL SPEECH STRESSED FRELIMO INTENTION TO RID MOZAMBIQUE OF CAPITALISM, EXPLOITATION AND COLONIALISM AT ALL COSTS. HE PARTICULARLY ZEROED IN ON PRIVATE PHYSICIANS WHOM HE ALLEGED ARE EXPLOITING POOR PEOPLE AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE AFTER INDEPENDENCE. MACHEL HAD HIGHEST PRAISE FOR ZAMBIAN PEOPLE AND FOR RULING UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY, BOTH FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MOZAMBICAN INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE AND FOR THEIR STEPS TO COMBAT CAPITALISM AND EXPLOITATION IN ZAMBIA. ADDED THAT ZAMBIA'S ENEMIES ARE FRELIMO'S ENEMIES. AFTER INDEPENDENCE, BORDER BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE WILL CEASE TO EXIST. HE WARNED FRELIMO WILL TAKE UP ARMS TORESIST ANY INFILTRATORS OR FOREIGN POWERS WHICH MAY TRY TO PREVENT MOZAMBIQUE BECOMING INDEPENDENT NEXT MONTH. MACHEL REPEATELY STRESSED UNITY OF UNIP AND FRELIMO POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES, ON OCCASION MENTIONING TANU AS WELL IN THIS CONTEXT.

3. IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, KAUNDA PRIDED ZAMBIA IN HAVING TAKEN RIGHT DECISIONS IN RECONGNIZING PRC, SIHANOUK, AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRG WHEN SUCH RECOGNITION NOT YET INTERNATIONALLY FASHIONABLE. IMPLICATION WAS THAT ZAMBIA'S POLICIES ARE NOT DICTATED BY OTHERS. FOLLOWING MACHEL SPEECH, KAUNDA LAUNCHED INTO SHARP ATTACK ON ZANU SUPPORTERS AND OTHER RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS WHO HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF ZAMBIAN HANDLING OF CHITEPO ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION. (ACCORDING TO REUTERS CORRESPONDENT, EDSON SITHOLE HAD JUST RELEASED DOCUMENT, WHICH REUTERS WITHHOLDING FROM PUBLICATION FOR PRESENT, ALLEDGING ZAMBIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR CHITEPO DEATH.) HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PRO-ZANU PROTESTS OUTSIDE WHITE HOUSE DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND IN STOCKHOLM DURING RECENT VISIT THERE OF FONMIN MWAANGA. PROMISING THAT CHITEPO MURDERERS WILL BE DISCOVERED AND PROSECUTED, PRESIDENT URGED PEOPLE NOT TO BE MISLED BY "A HANDFUL OF INFILTRATORS, SMITH'S AGENTS POSING AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS".

4. EARLIER IN DAY, KAUNDA INVESTED MACHEL AS GRAND COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF GRAND COMPANIONS OF FREEDOM, ZAMBIA'S HIGHEST DECORATION. DAY BEFORE, MACHEL AND ADDRESSED RALLY IN CHIPATA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

WHERE HE EXPRESSED FRELIMO'S GRATITUDE FOR SACRIFICES PEOPLE OF EASTERN PROVINCE BORDER VILLAGES HAD SUFFERED IN SUPPORTING FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND REFUGEES DURING LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN MOZAMBIQUE. REUTERS REP, WHO WAS PRESENT, SAID CHIPATA SPEECH WAS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS THAT AT LUSAKA RALLY, WITH EMPHASIS ON DISMANTLING OF COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND CAPITALISM. MACHEL INVITED EASTERN PROVINCE RESIDENTS TO ATTEND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ACCEPTED GIFT OF A COW AND

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SHEEP. SAME EVENING, MACHEL SPOKE AT STATE DINNER ALONG SAME
LINES WITH SOMEWHAT LESS BOMBAST.

5. RE PARA 1 LM 498, IT WAS AT STATE DINNER MACHEL MADE
HIS REFERENCE TO "UNIP'S INTENTION TO LAUNCH ON JUNE 13 NEW
REVOLUTIONARY PHASE TO LIQUIDATE CAPITALISM IN ZAMBIA".
STATEMENT AROUSED DROWSY LISTENERS BUT, SINCE MACHEL DID
NOT ELABORATE AND KAUNDA DID NOT EXPLAIN, THEY WERE LEFT
TO SPECULATE ON ITS MEANING. BEST GUESS SO FAR SEEMS TO BE
THAT IF ONE ZAMBIAN PERMANENT SECRETARY--AND HE STRESSED HE
WAS ONLY GUESSING--WHO SUGGESTED MACHEL STATEMENT WAS
REFERENCE TO DEADLINE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LEADERSHIP CODE
TO WHICH KAUNDA DEDICATED AND WHICH REQUIRES THOUSANDS OF
ZAMBIAN "LEADERS" TO DIVEST THEMSELVES OF ALL ECONOMIC
INTERESTS ASIDE FRM THEIR SALARIES AND THE
OWNERSHIP OF ONE DWELLING.

6. COMMENT: VISIT FURTHER CEMENTED WHAT OBVIOUSLY ALREADY
CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO AFRICAN LEADERS,BOTH OF WHOM
CLEARLY GOT IMMENSE ENJOYMENT FROM VISIT. RE MACHEL COMMENTS
ABOUT ELIMINATING BORDERS, AGREE WITH CONGEN WALKER'S
ASSESSMENT (LM 498) THAT SERIES OF BILATERAL OR TRIPARTITE
ARRANGEMENTS AMONG ZAMBIA, MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA MORE LIKELY
THAN SWEEPING ARAB-STYLE DECLARATIONS OF POLITICAL FEDERATION.
CERTAINLY THERE WILL BE CONTINUING AND PROBABLY INCREASED
CONTACTS BETWEEN ZAMBIAN AND MOZAMBICAN GOVT AS WELL AS POLITICAL
PARTY LEADERS. WHILE ZAMBIAN SOCIALIST RHETORIC AND PRACTICE
MAY CONTINUE TO BE LESS EXTREME THAN THAT OF FRELIMO, KAUNDA
APPEARS TO HAVE RETURNED FROM NACHINGWEA THIS WEEK IMPRESSED
WITH FRELIMO EFFORTS IN FIELD OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY
TRAINING. HE HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO INTRODUCE
MORE SUCH TRAINING INTO ZAMBIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
ON OTHER HAND, THE RATHER DOCTRINAIRE SOCIALIST POLICIES
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ESPOUSED BY MACHEL ARE NOT PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE TO SOME
ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS WHO BELIEVE THEIR MIXED ECONOMIC SYSTEM
PREFERABLE AND MIGHT BE BETTER MODEL FOR FRELIMO TO FOLLOW.
IN ANY EVENT, AT THIS JUNCTURE THERE APPEARS TO BE
STRONG DESIRE AMONG TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND MOZAMBIQUE LEADERS
TO WORK QUITE CLOSELY TOGETHER AND TO ACHIEVE OPTIMAL POLICY
SOLIDARITY.
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